

A young child with brown hair is seen in profile, looking intently at a large aquarium tank. The tank is filled with numerous jellyfish of various sizes and colors, including white, yellow, and blue. The background of the tank is dark blue. The child's hand is visible near their face, and they are wearing a colorful striped shirt.

# 2017

Annual Report to the Community



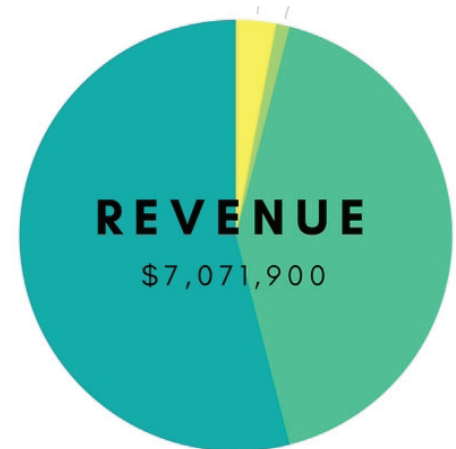
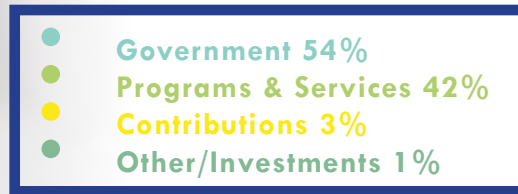


## **CHANGE has been the theme at HASA this year**

There have been many changes in the world that will affect not only how HASA serves the community, but whom HASA serves. Communication access for the deaf and hard of hearing is rapidly improving thanks to groundbreaking technologies. There is a renewed awareness and understanding of communication differences that will open up a world of possibility for individuals with autism. Prevention-based service delivery models are changing the landscape for audiologists, therapists, and teachers.

Your donations help provide high-quality, evidence-based services, develop new technologies, and increase awareness of the importance of effective communication. Exciting times lie ahead and I'm glad to be on this journey with you.

**Erin Stauder, Executive Director**

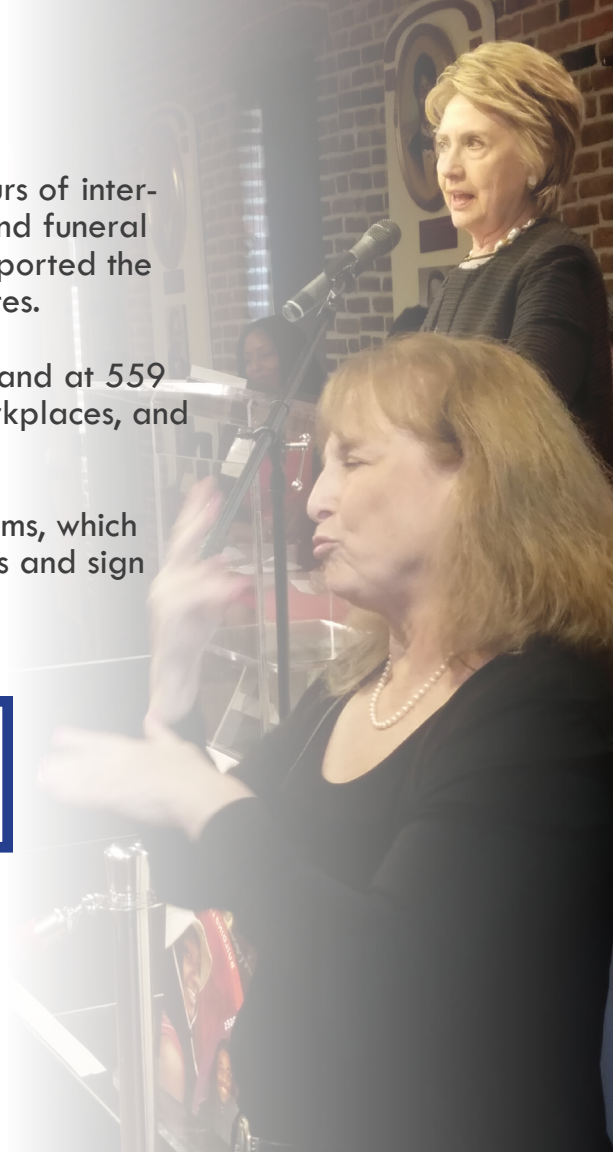


## INTERPRETING & DEAF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Your support enabled HASA to provide more than 140 pro-bono hours of interpreting services to partner organizations, local nonprofit programs and funeral services for Deaf community members. CIRS Interpreting proudly supported the Maryland Deaf Business Summit, the first of its kind in the United States.

Interpreters provided 47,803 hours of interpreting throughout Maryland at 559 different locations, which included hospitals, educational settings, workplaces, and private events.

More than 200 students learned ASL through our educational programs, which include formal classes at HASA as well as Deaf awareness workshops and sign language classes throughout the Baltimore area.





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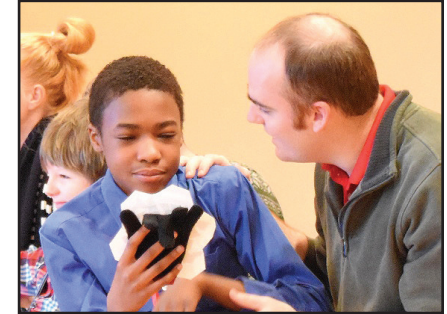


**Dr. Julie Norin and Herbert Rogers** were interviewed by WYPR's Sheilah Kast for a segment about how hearing loss affects veterans.

**The Center for Fluency Enhancement** hosted a two-day comprehensive fluency conference for speech-language pathologists interested in stuttering and related disorders.



**HASA celebrated its 90th anniversary.** On November 19, 1926, the first meeting of the Speech Readers' League of Baltimore was held in a row house on Charles Street.



**For the first year, we were able to offer scholarships to Gateway Students through funds from the Frances Scholarship Endowment Fund and the Goelet Scholarship Fund.**

# YEAR IN REVIEW



HASA hosted its first online scavenger hunt for **Deaf History Month** and used the celebration to build awareness for Deaf culture in Maryland.



**Gateway School's Nurse Elizabeth Brown** was honored by *Baltimore Magazine* in its Best Nurses in Baltimore issue.



**Herbert Rogers** was honored as the first Heart And Soul Award winner at the annual Bull & Shrimp Feast.

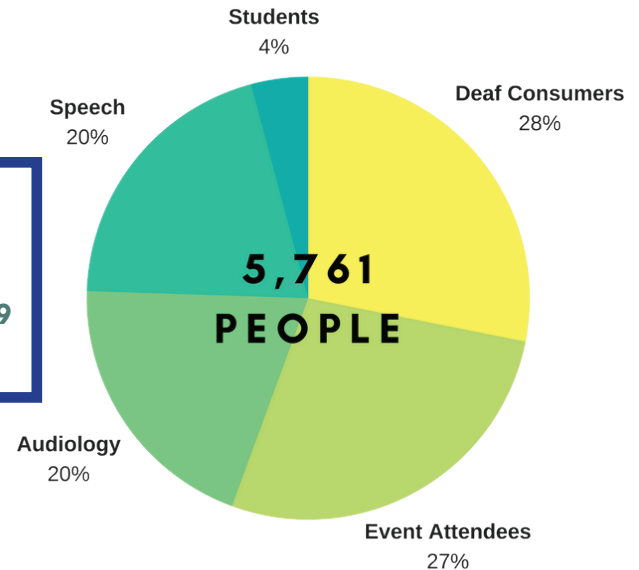
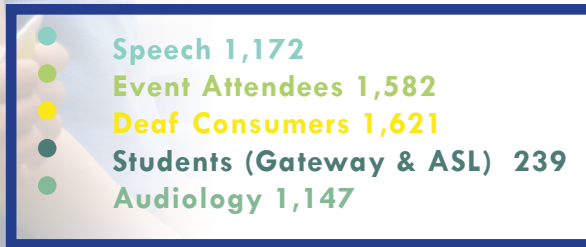


**Gateway School** graduated its largest class in its 60-year history at the June graduation ceremonies.

## GATEWAY SCHOOL

Your support helped fortify the new Frances Scholarship Endowment Fund, which, with a matching gift of \$25,000, has grown to more than \$650,000 since its inception in 2015.

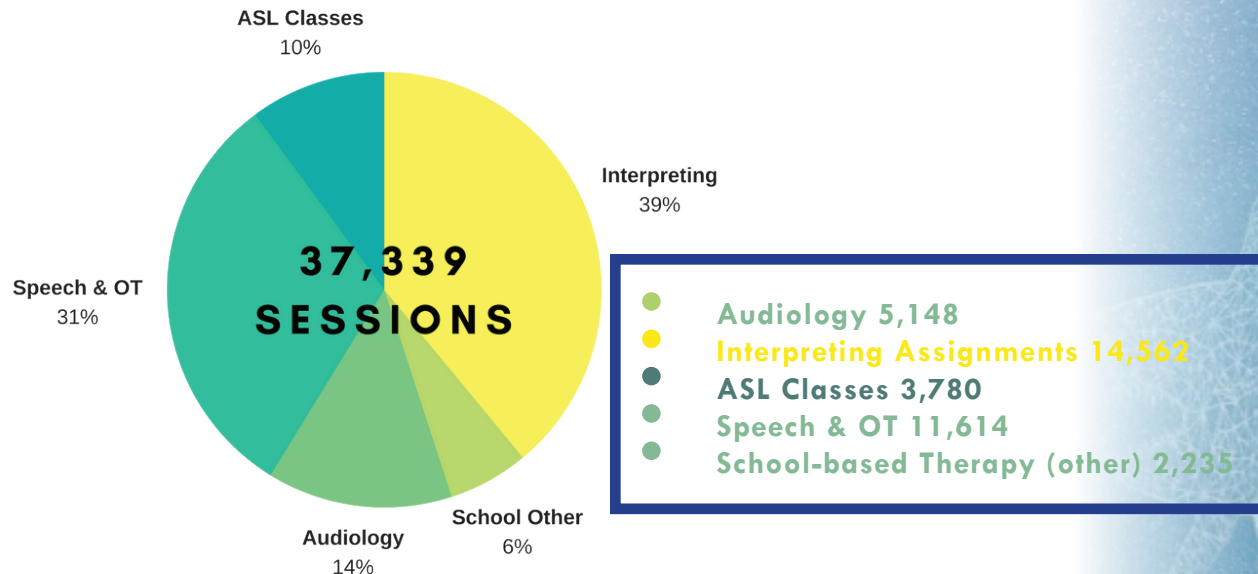
Gateway School earned Gold-level status for its PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) from the Maryland State Department of Education and opened its Educational Child Care Center to the public. HASA's educational services now proudly offer a fully inclusive environment for children with and without communication challenges.



## HEARING AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE SERVICES

Your support enabled HASA to provide more than \$500,000 in charitable care to 1,065 children and adults who could otherwise not afford audiology, speech-language, or occupational therapy services.

Partnerships with The Scottish Rite Foundation, Baltimore Infants & Toddlers Program, local school systems, and regional retirement facilities enable community members to receive prevention and treatment at community-based locations that make services more convenient, more affordable, and more effective.







# BY THE NUMBERS

## 23,271

# of people reached  
through community  
outreach programs



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